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policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 30 Mar 93 19:06:28 GMT
From: olivea!charnel!psgrain!m2xenix!clark!pacifier!mikef@uunet.uu.net
Subject: "CB transplants"
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <12182@news.duke.edu> jbs@ee.egr.duke.edu (Joe B. Simpson) writes:

>
>Okay, here's a little quiz. How many of you *never* used a CB before
>becoming a ham?

Aye ... I never *heard* of CB before becoming a ham (1962).

>
>The rest of you, hang your heads in shame; you're "CB transplants."

Your point is well-taken. However, remember that there are
some of us old enough to remember when CBers at least used
FCC-issued callsigns part of the time and stuck to the power
limits and antenna restrictions. That period wasn't long, though!
{grin}. In any event, I never touched a CB until I'd been a ham
for thirteen years.

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Subject: "CB transplants"
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <103360164@hpfcsf.FC.HP.COM> wells@hpfcsf.FC.HP.COM (John Wells)
writes:

>
>It seems that the frequency that worked the best for all of us was dead center
>in the 49 meter broadcast band.

>
Is this for real? Methinks someone's pulling my leg but the
rig setup sounded so accurate and familiar that I cannot tell!

On the other hand, my teenybopper friends and I used to see
what sort of DX we could work using light bulbs transmitting on
40 meters AM (1963). In those days, SSB stayed between
7200 kHz and 7250 kHz thru gentleman's agreement (wouldn't work
now -- no gentlemen left! :-)). Had an old DX-100 which I pushed
to the max. We worked several miles with those light bulbs!

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Date: 30 Mar 93 16:07:54 CST
From: timbuk.cray.com!hemlock.cray.com!cherry10!dadams@uunet.uu.net
Subject: "Technician" class means what?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article 1p9qr0INNf05@topaz.bds.com, ron@topaz.bds.com (Ron Natalie) writes:

|Nope he's right. The original no-code proposal was to make a new "Tech"
|like license and to appease anti-no-coders in the league, it wasn't to
|have 2m either. By the time it got down to reality time, the lack of the
|ability to add another license class to the FAA computer meant the choice
|of eliminating either the existing TECH or the existing NOVICE to make
|room for the nocode tech.

Now there's a good example of a poorly designed program!

--David C. Adams Statistician Cray Research Inc. dadams@cray.com

Old Sourdoughs never die. They just ferment away.

Date: 30 Mar 93 21:23:00 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: ARRL living in the past?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In response to the following thread...if the ARRL's attitude toward women has been condescending, I haven't noticed it. I am president of our local radio club (160+) members and am also a VE. In my contacts with ARRL I haven't been treated any differently than anyone else... I met some of the ARRL people at the LA Convention and found them to be really nice people. I've often wondered about groups for YL's and others such as LARK. I'm not really opposed to them (I have joined YLRL--haven't gone to any meetings but I do read their newsletter) but I'm sure there would be a great protest if a group formed that was for white males. I guess that some YL's feel the need for some kind of support group, but I find I spend a lot of time encouraging new male hams that THEY CAN get on the air. They're no different from anyone else. I've chosen to put my energies into my local club and I don't feel that their attitude toward me has been condescending

either. My attitude has always been that people are people and I find that is the attitude of most people toward me--on or off the air.

73,
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aa6mr@wb6wfh#soca.ca.usa
Eschew obfuscation

>In <jfhC4onx8.4I4@netcom.com> jfh@netcom.com (Jack Hamilton) writes:

>>2) QST's attitude towards women hams seems to be somewhat condescending.
>> The ARRL's intentions seem to be good, but not their implementation.

>I suppose some fellow netters will want to respond, but I can speak
>a little on this subject:

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>My wife (Dawn-KI5EV Amateur Extra) has been very well treated in
>all her contacts with ARRL - home and field organization. When we
>joined the Williamson County ARC, she was appointed Public Relations
>officer. She was asked to be Net control for several events and
>weather nets. When Luck Hurder visited Austin, she was one of a
>small group of public service hams from our county that was asked
>to visit with him for field input. She was asked to join the VE
>group. I could site other examples, but the bottom line has been
>that ARRL related events and people have consistently treated
>Dawn as just another talented ham; gender has not been an issue.

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>Cheers & 73 Ed Humphries N5RCK
>Hewlett-Packard NARC Atlanta GA

Date: Wed, 31 Mar 1993 00:27:27 GMT
From: pa.dec.com!nntpd2.cxo.dec.com!nntpd.lkg.dec.com!peavax.mlo.dec.com!
usenet@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: ARRL living in the past?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I think there is a problem of shaking tradition. Amateur radio, from my perspective, has traditionally been filled with men, from a time when women and minorities were considered less than equal by most white males. Times have changed (much to the dismay of some), so the organizations that support the hobby have to change. (As well as the hobby).

Date: Tue, 30 Mar 1993 09:45:40 -0500
From: news.cerf.net!pagesat!spssig.spss.com!news.oc.com!utacfd.uta.edu!rwsys!
ricksys!lawton!red.uucp!terry@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Boy, this can turn me off!
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In <1993Mar30.041313.18437@physics.unr.edu>, stark writes:
>In article <C4nML9.MKB@eskimo.com> mann@eskimo.com (Tom Mann) writes:
>>In article <gganderson.31.733008903@augustana.edu>, gganderson@augustana.edu
(KEVIN L. ANDERSON (7325)) writes:
>>> As an outsider and someone just now considering getting a ham ticket, and
>>> only reading this newsgroup for a short time, I can't say that reading
>>> the postings (I am referencing here "no code" etc) are helping to get
>>> excited about this hobby.
>>
>>Don't let a few anal-retentive blow hards get to you. As with any group,
>>amateur radio is made up of a lot of different personalities. You will
>>also come across some real jerks on the air but by and large, amateurs
>>are a pretty good bunch. The problem is that the most vocal are
>>frequently the most obnoxious. Please don't get discouraged... just
>>ignore the jerks.
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>>73,
>>Tom KD9NL/7
>>--
>>
>>Tom "Old" Mann KD9NL/7 Kirkland, Wash.
>
>Well put Tom. It's the same all over. The "10 percenters" make
>lots of noise, but don't speak for the other 90%.
>
>I've been at it for about 40 some years now. Jump on in,,,,,The
>water's fine.
>

More like 1% of 1%. Few hams are here on the internet. Those that are
are very supportive of new hams of any stripe. The 10% probably doesn't
reflect even this news group accurately. Jump aboard. Its an exciting
hobby. Regards, Terry.

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Date: Tue, 30 Mar 1993 20:46:08 GMT
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Subject: Building Shortwave Antennae
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Richard,

I think you're going overboard on your antenna design. For receive-only use, a simple long wire works quite well. I used the Radio Shack SW Antenna Kit, which consisted of some 75 feet of bare 18 guage wire with 50 feet of insulated "feed line" into my DX-440 receiver. I didn't use all of either the 75 or 50 foot runs, as I ran out of house (and therefore support) before I got there. The only thing I added was about 40' of coax at the radio end to get some shielding to reduce the noise pick up from my PC.

The same antenna, now with a 1/4 wave matching section and all-coax feed is my 6M/10M/15M/80M HF ham antenna. But it still works about the same on Rx as the original long wire.

Greg KD6KGW

btw, listening to CW on the air is a great way to polish your skills. It adds the variety of "fist" you don't get with code tapes, so you are better able to handle any code test.

Date: 30 Mar 93 20:08:30 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Code Quick
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I bought Code Quick and really think it is a good way to get out of the double translation problem. It really is good at getting one to hear the sound of a letter instead of hearing dits and dahs and then trying to remember what letter it is. If you don't have that ANY of that problem then Code Quick isn't going to help much.

Carl
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Date: Tue, 30 Mar 93 18:09:50 EST
From: usc!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!hamblin.math.byu.edu!news.byu.edu!
news@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Crystal Catalog
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Are there any crystal catalogs out there?

Richard

Date: Tue, 30 Mar 1993 19:18:13 GMT
From: spsgate!mogate!newsgate!usenet@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Help Daddy teach HAM!
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

My six-year-old and I have begun the process of teaching him enough get his first license by the time he is seven. Right now it seems like an impossible task, but in articles I have seen instances of people getting their first license even younger than that.

The process we are using is for me to read to him (although his reading is coming along) the _Now_You're_Talking_ book, and then to review the test questions. The problem is that I think he can get the concepts, but the vocabulary required to understand the questions is definitely non-trivial.

I basically have two questions that I hope anyone who has done this can help with:

- 1) What is the best route for a youngster to go? No-Code Tech, or Novice. I can think of pros and cons for both, but can't decide.
- 2) How do we overcome the vocabulary barrier? Is this an instance of where having two VE's give the test (possibly orally) is a good idea? Is it legit for them to rephrase the questions into the language of a first grader?

Email follow-ups would be appreciated.
73 de N7ZZD

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R i c k C o t t l e
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Date: Tue, 30 Mar 1993 18:59:25 GMT
From: spsgate!mogate!newsgate!usenet@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Help with an FT 101B
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Dave, I also have an FT101. There is no other designation on the front panel (like FT101B, FT101E, etc.) but from the manual and the serial numbers it appears to be a later model as opposed to one of the earlier ones.

I would be interested in any information you receive on this rig.

Best regards, Rick N7ZZD cottle@prism.sps.mot.com

In article <dep.733430453@siemens.com> dep@scr.siemens.com (David Post) writes:

> Hi
>
> I just got a FT 101B. Can someone tell me about its good
> and bad points? It has tubes in the driver and finals. Do
> I have to be careful about burning them up? (I have never
> used a rig with tubes in the finals..
>
> Thanks in advanced for the help.
>
> Dave Post
> WA2QIK
> dep@siemens.com

Date: 30 Mar 93 23:59:57 GMT
From: olivea!hal.com!darkstar.UCSC.EDU!cats.ucsc.edu!matthew@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Looking for 900 MHz antenna mfg.
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I am looking for pointers to makers of antennas suitable for 902-928 MHz spread spectrum work. preferably ones targeted for the amateur market, rather than the commercial market (cost IS an issue). I have some designs, but I don't want to get into the business of making antennas.

please mail replies.

-matthew kaufman, ka6sqg
matthew@echo.com

Date: Tue, 30 Mar 1993 21:44:10 GMT
From: usc!wupost!emory!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!fs7.ece.cmu.edu!
crabapple.srv.cs.cmu.edu!TUBBY.MACH.CS.CMU.EDU!jfriedl@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: mini ATV cameras
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I'm looking for sources for small cameras, transmitters, and downconverters for use with ATV equipment. I have PC Electronics' catalog, which is low on info and high on prices.

Desired applications include RC helis and Hat-Cam. (-:
Info appreciated, thanks.

[BTW, thanks to all that responded to my question about my ticket]

jeff

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Date: Tue, 30 Mar 1993 19:09:52 GMT
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newsgate.watson.ibm.com!yktnews.watson.ibm.com!uri@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: motive ...
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <1993Mar30.055939.18122@bongo.tele.com>, julian@bongo.tele.com (Julian Macassey) writes:

|> In article <1p7g6cINN4q1@morrow.stanford.edu> BR.SJE@forsythe.stanford.edu (Steve Eastman) writes:

|> >I will join when they explicitly deny any bias against gay folk.

|>

|> Oh dear. Now the homosexualists are targeting the poor old

|> ARRL?

Yeah, but somehow I think ARRL will survive, even without those @#\$\$... Maybe even better this way.

|> When will this discrimination by the homosexualists against
|> others end?

When the society will get sober and stops recognize this
particular form of perversion as a "minority".

|> Shall we also require that they deny bias against gamblers,
|> cock fighters, surfers, communists or any other group who want to call
|> themselves a minority.

(:-) Why stop here? How about "minority" group of pedofiles? Sadists?
Of murderers? Thieves (ouch! I meant - cleptomans :-)?
Adulterers? Why not? Why one perversion is more
"welcome" than the others?

|> The ARRL is about radio, it is not about what you consider an
|> outlet for your reproductive urges.

Hmm, I always doubted gays could "reproduct" (:-)...

|> I would like to point out something that all subversives
|> should understand. If you disagree with a group. Join them and take
|> them over. Reform is best performed from within. Why should a group
|> worry about what non members think?

Oh no! Please don't! It was soooo nice'n'quiet without him!
ARRL can survive without his \$30/year, I bet...

Followups to /dev/null.

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Regards,
Uri. uri@watson.ibm.com scifi!angmar!uri

<Disclaimer>

Date: Tue, 30 Mar 93 22:24:06 GMT
From: sequent!muncher.sequent.com!awk@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Need help QSLing
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I am very new to 20 meter operation (N7VKG/AG) and participated
in the recent CQ contest. I would like to QSL to some of the more
exotic stations that I worked during the contest. The question
that I have is how do I find a QSL direct path for stations that

I worked that are not in the call book? Any information would be very much appreciated. Also, if you have any information on any of the following call signs, it too would be appreciated.

JA1YEP
JH7KQJ
P20X
P8AA
PJ9X
T05M
VP5G
XK7SZ

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email:		I must hurry,	
awk@sequent.com		for there they go	
Aucsmith@dockmaster.ncsc.mil		and I am their leader.	
packet:			
N7VKC@NOARY.#NOCAL.CA.USA.NA		(unknown mountaineer)	

Date: 30 Mar 93 19:25:43 GMT
From: olivea!charnel!psgrain!m2xenix!clark!pacifier!mikef@uunet.uu.net
Subject: No-SSBs (was Real No-codes)
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <C4Gv16.DAJ@crdnns.crd.ge.com> mallick@crd.ge.com writes:

>
>Time to go and warm up the Johnson Valiant...
>

Now *there* was a fine rig. As a new ham, always wanted one; never had the bread to get one. By the time I had it, the era was gone!

Still, just for the hallibut, used to switch my TR-4 to AM and work 80 meters AM with a couple of fellers (the rig actually sounded quite good on AM). I'm kinda glad we haven't forgotten!

On the other hand, a few years ago, wasn't sure I could forgive ARRL when they published a list of rigs and said, in effect, that if

one recognized over half of them, that one was *old*! Man, I found myself *ancient*! {grin}

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Date: 30 Mar 1993 23:48:45 GMT
From: usc!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!malgudi.oar.net!news.ysu.edu!yfn.ysu.edu!
ag821@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Pactor
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Is anyone out there using Pactor.

Are there enough people using it to make it worth while upgrading my 232?

What software will run Pactor.

I now use ACUTERM and really like it... really didn't like the AEA software.

thanks

Jeff,AC4HF

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Date: Tue, 30 Mar 93 15:07:44 GMT
From: netcomsv!bongo!skyld!jangus@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: RFD: rec.radio.amateur reorganization [discussion thr
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <4f2303SFceJI00@amdahl.uts.amdahl.com> rra-reorg@amdahl.com writes:

> REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION
> REORGANIZATION OF REC.RADIO.AMATEUR

Don't do it. The more groups you create, the more groups get cross-posted because people are either a) afraid their message won't be read or b) they

don't understand how to use thier newsgroup software.

I can understand rec.radio.amateur.policy as a way of taking the "You're wrong, I'm right" flamewars into an area people can avoid.

I can understand rec.radio.amateur.info as a way of putting the information (such as the faqs) into an area where those that feel they already know everything do not have to see them.

I can understand rec.radio.amateur.packet as a location devoid of the morse/morris wars. And where the 'real hams' don't have to suscribe to no-coder orientated things like machines rather than people talking to each other.

But let us not sub-divide rec.radio.amateur.misc for the benefit of those who want to further narrow thier view of the hobby.

Conclusion, it ain't broke so don't fix it.

netcom!bongo!jangus@skyld.tele.com "Als ik Kan", Gustav Stickley
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Date: Tue, 30 Mar 1993 19:30:36 GMT
From: usc!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!uwm.edu!linac!unixhub!
slcsrv.slac.stanford.edu!gregs@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Wanted: thoughts on glass mount ants
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

flloyd@l11-a.West.Sun.COM (Fred Lloyd [Phoenix SE]) writes:

>I've seen only one truly good reason for an on-glass antenna: a car
>which has a fiberglas body and no roof. But heck, you can't go
>mountiantopping in a Corvette very well.

>

>On-Glass antennas are an outgrowth of 90's paranoia, an age in which
>people can't make decisions about things which really matter in life.
>In a couple of years you'll see used Explorers on the market with
>flawlessly sparkling roofs fetching exactly zero dollars more than
>mine, which happens to have a nice built-in cellular antenna :-).

In a neighborhood such as mine, it's rather convenient to have an antenna that dismounts easily -- because if you don't do it, some passerby on your street will do it for you.

Believe me - it's a real pain to have to screw and unscrew your antenna everytime you park your car. Call it paranoia if you'd like -- but I'd say it's a little smarter to be the owner of a glass-mounted antenna that comes off

easily than an ex-owner of a stolen screw-in one that you thought you could leave on for a few hours rather than bother taking it off again.

greg

Date: 30 Mar 1993 17:41:48 GMT
From: usc!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!saimiri.primate.wisc.edu!news.larc.nasa.gov!
grissom.larc.nasa.gov!kludge@network.UCSD.EDU
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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<1993Mar30.171217.11783@mnemosyne.cs.du.edu>, <1pa07a\$avc@network.ucsd.edu>a.g
Subject : Re: Wanted: thoughts on glass mount ants

In article <1pa07a\$avc@network.ucsd.edu> brian@ucsd.edu (Brian Kantor) writes:
>jmaynard@nyx.cs.du.edu (Jay Maynard) writes:
>>Like the original poster, I have more respect for my truck than to drill holes
>>in it. I haven't drilled a hole in 15 years, and don't intend to in the
>>future, either.
>
>It must be a Texas thing. Around here, if anyone had that much love for
>an inanimate object, most people would pity them and try to get them
>professional help.

Of course, if it's a nice Collins, it's okay.
--scott

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